

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 14th March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

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We have had another busy week at Mousehole School with the children thoroughly enjoying our international language day and taking part in many sporting events.

The children were so enthused by travelling to different countries with their passports and immersing themselves in speaking a variety of different languages and carrying out activities in each. It was lovely to hear the buzz around the school and the children's lovely feedback. Thank you to Mrs Williams for organising this and the children who put themselves forward to volunteer to help run some of the sessions.

Thank you to Mr Ansell and all of the parents, children and members of the local community who came along to help in our Community Garden on Saturday. They had a fantastic day planting trees, potatoes and sowing seeds. They also managed to complete lots of weeding- Great work all of you!

The High Fives team played two very tough matches against much more experience teams on Tuesday. But they demonstrated great resilience and are learning & getting better with each game. Keep up the great teamwork and your hard work will pay off!

On Wednesday we took part in the local schools Swimming Gala. It was a great, fun afternoon of swimming and well done to everyone who represented the school so well. Congratulations to the girls who managed to qualify for the finals and to Arlo T for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in back stroke, Iona for 3<sup>rd</sup> in back stroke and Ava for 3<sup>rd</sup> in front crawl- a fabulous achievement!

The boys played a very tight cup match against St Erth in football on Thursday, on our lovely pitch in the sunshine. Well done to Sonny for scoring both our goals and to Mason who defended the goal with some spectacular saves. They sadly lost on penalties but put up a great fight until the end. Thank you to Mr Ansell for refereeing and to all who came along to support them.

Please don't forget that it is **RED NOSE DAY** next Friday 21st March. The children can come in their home clothes with one item that is red and there will be a donations bucket in the entrance to support this worthy cause.

A quick reminder that the children need to bring in fruit or a healthy snack with a bottle of water for their break times.

Keep a look out for our Mousehole Facebook page!!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the rugby. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow

# Stars of the week

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| Skiff Class    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sully</li> <li>- Arlo</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For his brilliant motivation in our story writing.</li> <li>-For her great soup design in DT.</li> </ul>  |
| Lugger Class   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Martha</li> <li>-Ezra</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-For her fantastic fraction knowledge and understanding and inspirational writing.</li> <li>- For his whizzy maths- from converting mixed fractions into improper fractions.</li> </ul> |
| Schooner Class | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arlo T</li> <li>- Logan</li> <li>- Iona</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For representing the school at swimming.</li> <li>- For progress in his timetables and his maths skills</li> <li>- For representing the school at swimming</li> </ul>                 |



## Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



### Alma

For always being kind and caring to others, especially our new Mousehole Mice friends! Well done Alma

## HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL: 112**

**GWYNVER: 65**

**SENNEN: 70**

**PRAA SANDS: 135**

Cornish words of the week!  
"Pasti"-pasty



## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

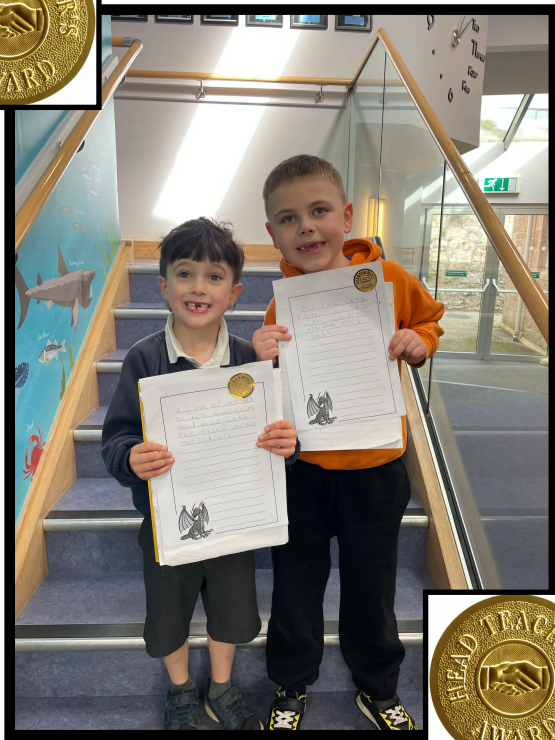
97%

SKIFF-100%

LUGGER-97%

SCHOONER-93.65%





We are very proud of Caleb who has been acting in "An Inspector Calls" this week at the Hall For Cornwall. This is an amazing opportunity and please go and watch if you can this weekend.

Congratulations to Raphi and Hugo for their fantastic dragon writing and working hard on their handwriting skills.



The boys played football against St Erth on Thursday in a cup match. They sadly lost on penalties but played well as a team in a very close game.



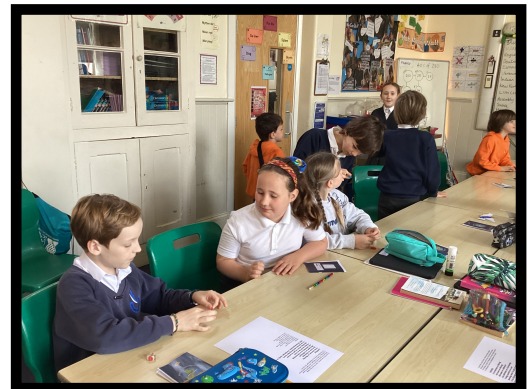
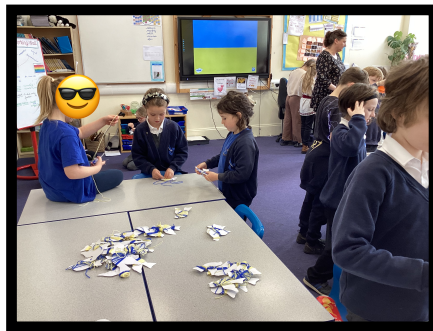
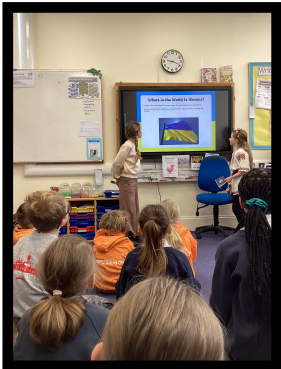
Year 4 Luggar children are continuing to develop their woodland skills. They are going to be learning to whittle their own wooden tongs!







A big thank you to Mr Ansell for running your community garden open morning and to all of you who came along to support this event.



The children thoroughly enjoyed their international languages day. Learning a variety of different languages as they travelled around with their passports.





## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Spring Term:

Fridays- Schooners swimming

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am

Fri 21st March Red Nose Day- wear red and bring a donation

Wed 26th March Tempest whole school photos

Thurs 27th March Songfest 3.30-8.45pm St Johns Hall

W/B 31st March No Clubs

Whole School Drum Assembly 9.30am

Friday 4th April Easter egg Raffle

Friday 4th April- Last Day of Term

Yr 6 SAT's w/b 12th May 15th May

**Summer Term Begins 22.4.25**

**2024-2025 INSET Days:**

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025







# Online Safety Newsletter

March 2025

## The impact of smartphones



There is a growing concern on how excessive use of smartphones can affect our children.

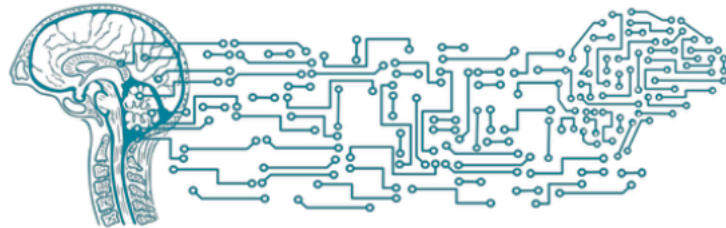
In addition to the effects of seeing inappropriate content online, the risk of cyberbullying and grooming, it is important that we also highlight the effects of smartphone use on our children's mental health.

If your child is using a smartphone then please try to ensure they maintain a healthy screentime limit.

According to King's College London, "two new studies of smartphone habits in teenagers have identified links between problematic smartphone use and depression, anxiety and insomnia." You can read more about these studies here: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/teens-with-problematic-smartphone-use-are-twice-as-likely-to-have-anxiety-and-many-are-eager-to-cut-down>

Compass have published an article as well on what effects mobile phones have on children here: <https://www.compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

## Artificial Intelligence (AI)



### What is AI?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to increase, and examples include:

- **Virtual assistants** like Alexa and Siri.
- **Chatbots** such as ChatGPT and My AI from Snapchat

### Potential Risks of AI?

- **Chat apps** - A simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of apps already available and just scrolling through, you can see that they are not suitable for children with many rated as 17+.
- **Image manipulation** – there are AI tools that can be used to digitally remove clothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.
- **Deepfakes** – there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos which can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

Child Rescue Coalition discuss the dangers in more detail here:

<https://childrescuecoalition.org/educations/the-dark-side-of-ai-risks-to-children/>

### How can I protect my child?

As always, to keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Develop your child's digital literacy by highlighting the risks of AI and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

### Further information

For further information, the NSPCC and Internet Matters provide useful guides on their websites:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2025/artificial-intelligence-safety-tips-for-parents>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

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# TikTok

**You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.** TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security/privacy settings are applied.



## Account set up

It is important that when setting up an account, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored by age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/privacy-and-safety-settings-for-users-under-age-18>

## Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/account-and-user-safety/family-pairing>

## Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. Some of the songs available to lip sync to may contain inappropriate lyrics or adult themes. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

## Stranger contact

Talk to your child about who is following them online and ensure that they understand that people may not be who they say they are when online. It is important that children understand not to share personal information.

## Refresh your feed

You can refresh your "For You" feed to update the content recommended: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings/refresh-your-for-you-feed>

## Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user.

## Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>
- <https://safeguarding.thekeysupport.com/factsheets-and-briefings/child-safety-tiktok-parent-factsheet/>

## Talk PANTS with the NSPCC

Talk PANTS was developed to help you have conversations with your child to help them understand that their body belongs to them.

You can find out more here as well as a further link to helpful questions:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

## LEGO Arcade

Are you looking for games for your child to play online? LEGO have a selection of fun games including Lego Ninjago and Lego Friends:

<https://kids.lego.com/en-gb/arcade>

## Stars Messenger App

The Stars Messenger App is rated as 4+ on the App store. It is a free messaging and video app designed for children to use. Users need their friend's username as well as their unique private Friend Code to add each other. There is also an optional Parent View available for a monthly charge.

South West Grid for Learning provide a full guide to staying safe on this app as well as safety considerations:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/a-guide-to-staying-safe-with-the-stars-messaging-app/>



# CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL

## **SUPER!** SATURDAY

**Years 4, 5 & 6**

**Saturday 22nd March 2025 | 10.00 - 12.30**

### **SCIENCE - THE INVISIBLE WORLD**

Investigate all things microscopic that can't be seen by the human eye! Magnify tiny biological specimens using a microscope, learn about cells and explore the live microscopic world of pond water... who knows what you will find!

### **FUN FRENCH**

Take part in competitive code breaking games - who will be our languages legends?

### **DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY - PNEUMATIC MONSTERS**

Get ready to bring your monster to life! You will design and build your very own creature using an exciting pneumatic system - making it move, growl, or even roar! Learn the magic of air-powered mechanics while unleashing your creativity. Are you ready to create something monstrously cool?

### **DRAMA - PHYSICAL THEATRE**

Do you enjoy being creative and active? Come on join Drama for the morning where you will work in small groups responding to fun creative tasks, use your body to create various objects and why not try some jumps, turns, rolls, balances, and lifts! A great choice for individuals who like to keep moving!

### **FOOD - EASTER FAIRY CAKE FUN**

Hop into the kitchen for a sprinkle of Easter fun! Bakers will whip up delicious fairy cakes but with a Easter inspired twist. Get ready to mix, bake, and decorate your own sweet Easter creations.







